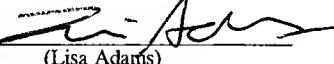


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2007.

The Examiner requires restriction of the above-referenced application to one of the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1-23 and 43-45 drawn to a method; and

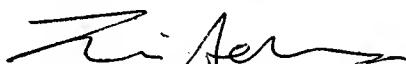
Group II: claims 24-42, drawn to a device.

Applicants elect the Group I claims (claims 1-23 and 43-45). Accordingly, claims 24-42 are withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants if such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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